(b) if so, what are the reasons for inordinate delay in the implementation of this project; and

(c) by when this project is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A letter of intent for the Gas Cracker Complex has been issued in favour of Assam State Industrial Development Corporation in January, 1991.

(b) Assam State Industrial Development Corporation will prepare a detailed feasibility report and may also decide about possible collaborator for implementing the project.

(c) Commencement of the project depends on a number of factors e.g. preparation of feasibility report, selection of collaborator, tying up financial resources and technical know-how etc. by the implementing agency

Proposal to set up T.V. Stations in Tamil Nadu

309. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up T. V. stations in different regions of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the coverage power of each such station;

(c) whether there is any proposal to locate at least one powerful transmitter in each region of the State; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUM. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Schemes for the establishment of additional studio facilities for second channel TV service at Madras and a high power TV transmitter with a service range of approx. 140 Kms. (inclusive of fringe areas) at Rameshwaram are under implementation in Tamil Nadu. In addition, it has been decided to set up a new low power TV transmitter with a service range of approx. 20 Kms. at Nagapattinam in Thanjavur district.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under the consideration of Government at present. Any further expansion of TV service in the State depends upon the availability of adequate financial resources for the purpose.

Pepsi Foods Project

310. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Foods Project has failed to fulfil all its major commitment to the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited has set up plants for potato/grain processing and soft drink concentrate plant at Channo, District Sangrur and fruit & vegetable processing plant at Zahura, Hoshiarpur in Punjab. The above three plants under the project were commissioned during February, 1990, April, 1990 and June, 1990 respectively.

The company has taken steps to encourage the farmers in developing nursery protected under polythene cover for growing tomato seedlings and to grow good quality high yielding hybrid tomatoes by adopting deep chieseling techniques. The company has also informed that it has taken steps in setting up of Agro Research Centre at Zahura.

The Company have generated direct employment to 850 people and indirect employment of over 25,000 people in its allied and ancillary business.

The company has informed that they exported various products to the tune of Rs. 9.62 crores during 1.4.1990 to 31 3.1991. The items exported in that year were not found to be from amongst the products of three units mentioned above. The appropriate actions have been initiated by the corcerned Ministry in this regard. The Government have also initiated steps for *prima facie* violation of the conditions of Letter of Intent with regard to the production of soft drink concentrates.

(c) No. Sir.

Approval of Television Serial/Tele-Films/Documentaries by Doordarshan

311. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of television serials/tele-films/documentaries approved by Doordarshan in the last six months and what are their names; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some serials have been cleared straightway without sending it to the Selection Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUM. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) According to the information received from Doordarshan, during the last six months, Doordarshan approved, under its commissioned scheme, 11 T.V. Serials including a science magazine series, 23 telefilms and eight documentaries. Their titles are given in the Statemest. *(See below)*

(b) No, Sir. All the programmes have been approved by the appropriate committee.

Statement

Titles of T V Serials/Telefilms/Documentaries

A *TV Serials*

1. Krishnakant Ka Vasiyatnama
2. Aur Kishan Jag Utha
3. Virasat
4. Farman
5. Silapathikaram
6. Shri Ramkrishan Paramhansa
7. Kaushalya
8. Disha
9. Massya Di Raat (Punjabi)
10. Skandapuranam